

**Funding of Associate State Park Archaeologist  
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**Resource Action Identification Form**

**1. Name of Proposed Resource Action:**

- a. Name of proposed Resource Action: Secure funding for a full-time Associate State Park Archaeologist for Lake Oroville State Recreation Area for oversight of the area's vast cultural resources. (Miscellaneous)

**2. Proposed Resource Action – Please describe and include the following:**

- a. Describe the proposed Resource Action in as much detail as practical: Significant cultural resources are being impacted in and around the APE. An Archaeologist would run the DPR cultural resource program and work closely with State Park Rangers in prosecution of site looters. The Archaeologist would also collaborate with Natural Resource managers and maintenance staff on projects that may potentially impact cultural resources. This position would also manage the Archaeological Site Stewardship program. The Archaeologist would work closely with the District Interpretive Specialist on public education of heritage values and resource protection. The Archaeologist would act as the liaison with the Native American community.
- b. Any physical or operational changes:  
☒ Yes      ☐ No      ☐ Unknown  
If Yes, Please explain: Operational changes would be minimal. The position would report to the Lake Oroville State Recreation Area State Technical Services Manager.
- c. Proposed start date and duration  
Start: As soon as feasible. Duration: Indefinite. Cultural resource specialist needed indefinitely.
- d. Location (within FERC boundary/outside FERC boundary)  
☒ Inside      ☒ Outside      ☐ Don't know  
Please specify possible location(s) referring to the linked map (<http://orovillereicensing.water.ca.gov/maps.html>), or providing a map as appropriate:
- e. Please provide alternative potential Resource Actions for addressing the same resource goal and/or Project 2100 effects referring to the linked map, or providing a map as appropriate:  
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- f. Describe the methods for measuring the goals and performance of the Resource Action or methods for evaluating success against the known resource goal(s): Protection of cultural resources would increase; therefore looting would be reduced, which would be measured by reduction of looted sites. Site protection would be enhanced by the archaeologist's presence to oversee projects of potential impact, which would be measured by reduced impact on sensitive sites. The Site Stewardship program would also be expanded and Site Steward's presence at sites would aid in site protection, again showing the results of reduction of looting incidents. As the liaison with the Native American community, relationships would be encouraged, which would lead to increased tribal awareness and improved communication of DPR and DWR cultural issues and challenges. Cultural Resources in the State Recreation Area would be represented by a subject matter expert, and the results would be overall enhanced stewardship of cultural resources.

☐ Unknown

- g. Describe the feasibility of the Resource Action: This position needs to be funded. It is entirely feasible for DWR to fund the position and for DPR to work collaboratively with DWR supervising the position.

☐ Unknown

- h. Please mark the applicable Working Groups that would be involved in the implementation of this Resource Action:

- ☒ Land Use and Management
- ☐ Recreation & Socioeconomics
- ☒ Cultural Resources
- ☐ Engineering and Operations
- ☒ Environmental

**3. Contact Information for Submitter(s) & Alternate Contact:**

- a. Organization name: California Department of Parks and Recreation
- b. Preparer's name, phone number and e-mail address: Ellen Clark, (530) 538-2200, eclar@parks.ca.gov
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- d. Date prepared: 9/3/03
- e. Organization(s) represented by submitter: Cultural Resources Work Group

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**4. Resource Goals:**

- a. Identify and describe the resource goal the Resource Action is related to, providing reference to the resource goal number(s) described, as appropriate: This Resource Action addresses a number of Cultural Resource goals oriented toward the desire to protect cultural resources. Specific Resource Goals include:  
CO1.04- Provide documentation on past and future cultural resource studies. Complete prior studies, where appropriate;  
CO1.06- Provide paleoenvironmental and cultural historical context for cultural resource studies;  
CO2.01- Evaluate the needs (i.e., project effect, significance of resource) and methods to provide protection of cultural resources;  
CO2.02- Emphasize protection of all significant cultural resource values within the APE (including those that lie beneath the reservoir);  
CO2.03- Develop special protective measures for "high risk" situations (e.g., sites exposed to potential damage through vandalism);  
CO2.06- Incorporate public education in any protection program;  
CO2.05 & CO3.04- Encourage and facilitate the positive involvement of all Native American groups (not just federally recognized tribes) and other interested individuals and organizations in the cultural resources program. Take efforts to obtain data from and encourage involvement of cultural resource elders.  
CO2.06- Use interpretive media and public outreach to maximize the public benefits of the heritage values (cultural, archaeological, and historical) present in the area.  
CO4.02- Maximize the public benefits of the heritage values (cultural, archaeological, and historical) present in the project area.  
CO4.09- Provide areas for Native American collecting and gathering (fishing, basket making materials, medicinal plants, etc.).

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- b. Explanation of how the Resource Action furthers that goal: The presence of a LOSRA Archaeologist would enhance cultural resource protection, improve public outreach through education, continue positive communication within the Native American community and be a subject matter expert representing LOSRA's vast cultural resources.

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**5. Identify the Resource Issue/Relationship to Project and Relicensing**

- a. Describe the issue the Resource Action is intended to address, referring as appropriate to Issue Statement(s) number(s):

CRE1- Protect all cultural resources within the Project boundary area.

CRE7a- Need more cultural education in the area affected by the project.

CRE7b- Develop a fund for community education

CRE 11- Desire jobs and training for tribal members on this project.

CRE22- Support protection- preservation of cultural resources.

CRE26- Water drawdown has exposed sites subject to vandalism.

CRE38- Public education is necessary to combat site vandalism.

CRE46 & 50- Need permanent full-time archaeologist position working under DWR

CRE62-Funding needs to be provided to expand the Site Stewardship program at the State Recreation Area.

☐ Unknown

- b. Describe the relationship between the Resource Action and the project, including any project impacts the Resource Action is intended to address:

As a result of the project's archaeological inventory, multitudes of heretofore unknown sites have been discovered. These discoveries reinforce the need for an on-site Archaeologist.

☐ Unknown

- c. Identify any comprehensive plans that this Resource Action is related to:  
Resource Management and General Development Plan for Lake Oroville State Recreation Area, August 1973; Interpretive Plan for Lake Oroville Visitor Center at Lake Oroville State Recreation Area, December 1989; Comprehensive Statewide Historic Preservation Plan for California (Office of Historic Preservation 1997, with update for 2000-2005).

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